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Family protests as local mother found guilty in child's murder

Loud sobs and wailing erupted from a Toronto court's public gallery on Sunday as a judge told Cindy Ali she'll face the mandatory sentence — life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years — for the murder of her handicapped 16-year-old daughter Cynara.

Backed by family, friends and fellow parishioners filling the courtroom, Ali stood facing Justice Todd Ducharme as the jury returned a guilty verdict on one count of first-degree murder after one day of deliberation.

"We love you," family friend Anne Woolger called out as Ali was arrested. Ali's three remaining daughters sobbed and clung together, exiting the room as a unit.

"They got it wrong, trust me," said Ali's husband, Allan Ali, of the verdict outside the courtroom. He said the family plans to appeal.

First responders found Cynara, who had cerebral palsy and could not walk or speak, lying without vital signs on a sofa on Feb. 19, 2011, after her mother called 911 claiming there had been a home invasion and that the teenager was not breathing.

The Crown argued Ali wove an elaborate web of lies about a home invasion and two masked men searching for a mysterious package in order to cover up that she used a pillow to suffocate Cynara.

The case hinged on whether the jury accepted Ali's home invasion story, said defence lawyer Christopher Hicks outside the courthouse.

"I think that was a critical piece of evidence, and they had to believe what she said about that," he said.

In closing submissions, Crown prosecutor Rosemarie Juginovic pointed to several pieces of evidence to argue the break-in was staged, including a firefighter's testimony about seeing no footprints in the snow outside the Scarborough townhouse and Cindy Ali's unprompted explanation to police for why some drawers and rooms were untouched.

"It defies belief (that one of the robbers) would kill a defenceless and immobilized human being like Cynara who could not identify who they are and what they did, when they left someone alive who could," Juginovic told the jury.

The Crown suggested Ali had stopped loving Cynara, which made providing care for her and making the sacrifices involved intolerable. During the trial, however, Ali said caring for Cynara "was a big joy for me as a mother … I loved taking care of Cynara."

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Shelter spaces debated

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Group calling for armouries to open doors to homeless

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Toronto city staff isn't on board with an advocacy group's call to resume using federal armouries as homeless shelters.

The Ontario Committee Against Poverty (OCAP) is planning to make the request at a council committee meeting Monday.

"Right now, the city shelters are at capacity," said OCAP member Jessica Hales. "Until the city can open up more shelter beds permanently, we're calling on them to open up the armouries to provide access to cots, beds, showers and more space."

Instead of "temporary, stopgap responses," the city's focus is on identifying sites for new, permanent shelters, said Patricia Anderson, a manager of shelter, support and housing administration.

Throughout winter, the city's homeless population has been relying on warming centres and the volunteer-run Out of the Cold program to provide shelter. But, the poverty group plans to tell the city committee that the spaces those programs are using is inadequate, claiming they lack appropriate showering facilities and leave people sleeping on crowded floors.

The Department of National Defence (DND) owns the city's armouries, and they're constantly in use, said Sec. Lt. Theodore Bergen, an assistant public affairs officer with the 32 Canadian Brigade Group.

"There's always somebody there, and there's always training going on," he said.

The DND has, however, opened the armouries to homeless people during extreme cold weather in the past, most recently in 2004 and 2012, Bergen said. It's always been at the city's request, he added.

Armouries like Fort York, shown here, have enough space to provide shelter, OCAP says. In 2004, it cost more than $500,000 for the city to house 96 homeless people at Fort York Armoury in extremely cold weather from Jan. 15 to Feb. 13. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

LAWRENCE HEIGHTS

Shooting suspect sought

Police have identified a suspect wanted in connection with a shooting in the Lawrence Heights neighbourhood. At around 3:45 a.m. Friday, police say a man was sitting in his vehicle on Replin Road when another man approached and began firing shots at the man in the car. Investigators say no one was injured.

Police have identified 20-year-old Abdullahi Abdikarim, of Toronto, as the suspect. He is considered armed and dangerous and should not be approached. Anyone who spots him is asked to call 911. Information can be passed to 416-222-TIPS. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"My favourite childhood memory was driving around Barbados. After every Sunday lunch, my mother, father, brother, sister and I would drive around the entire island for two hours. It was more to show us where we were from and to ensure that we knew the history of the island. So, immigrating here was really tough. I'm 14 years into it, but to go from a small little island to a huge metropolis like the City of Toronto and getting used to all of it was hard. I'm still doing that.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

CHILDREN

Parents upset over mixed ages in care

New mother Megan Ramsey is looking forward to returning to work this spring as an early childhood educator with the Halton District School Board.

But she is terrified by proposed changes to provincial child-care regulations that would mean her daughter, who will be 12 months old in May, would enter child care as a "toddler" instead of an infant. She would spend her days with babies up to 18 months old.

"The thought of her being in a room of 12 children, some of them two years old, makes my heart hurt," said Ramsey, who worked in child-care centres for more than a decade before moving to full-day kindergarten in 2012.

"A lot of one-year-olds are not yet walking. Most two-year-olds are running. This will make for a very unsafe environment," she added.

Ramsey is among hundreds of parents, child-care experts and advocates who are outraged that Ontario's education ministry is suggesting babies, toddlers and preschoolers in licensed centres should be cared for in larger groups at younger ages and with fewer adults.

It is the third time in six years the province has floated the idea as a way to address the financial squeeze facing child-care programs in the wake of full-day kindergarten and 12-month maternity leaves. And it has been touted as a way to make parent fees more affordable.

Megan Ramsey and daughter Sophie. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

But for the third time, advocates say ministry officials have yet to show any provincial data to support the move.

"Quality isn't great in child care as it is," said Martha Friendly, head of the Toronto-based Childcare Resource and Research Unit. "If they bring this in, Ontario will be leading the race to the bottom."

A spokesperson for Education Minister Liz Sandals said the proposed changes "strengthen quality, increase access and reflect the feedback we received from child-care licensees and other early years-partners in response to past consultations."

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POLICE

Officers hunting for man in laneway sexual assault

Toronto police are investigating after they say a woman was sexually assaulted downtown Saturday night.

The incident happened near Church and Maitland streets sometime between midnight and 3 a.m.

Police say the woman walked into a laneway and was sexually assaulted by a man. Investigators say two males stood by and watched.

The culprit is described as about 25 years old, five-foot-nine with a thin build, brown skin and short, dark hair. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Help for homeless surely in the cards

CHARITY

Group uses leftover gifts to greater ends

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A group of students is helping Toronto's most vulnerable, one unused gift card at a time.

Fix The 6ix, composed of about a dozen volunteers, is collecting unused gift cards, using them to buy food and clothing for people who are homeless.

It's an idea born out of founder Deanna Lentini's experience as a child.

Growing up in North York, she'd ask her parents for a coin to give to a homeless person every time she visited downtown. Then, after attending a conference in Grade 12, she decided she needed to be a bigger part of the solution.

"What I learned from the speakers is that homelessness is not a choice," the York University health-sciences student said. "It happens to someone who is at the mercy of the system, and that's why we need to fix it."

Fix The 6ix is starting small.

With about 60 gift cards in hand so far, members are setting up donation boxes across York's campus. The group hopes to spread the boxes across the city.

Everyone has these leftover gift cards and the tiny bit of money left there is useful to someone on the streets, said Lentini, adding the response has been overwhelming so far.

"I think people are really attached to this vision," she said.

IN ACTION

- Fix The 6ix was recently awarded a $500 grant from York University, which it used to buy donation boxes.
- Money from the gift cards goes toward meals for the homeless. Items bought with cards will be donated to Sistering, a drop-in centre for women.
- Get involved at fixthe6ix.ca.

Deanna Lentini, founder of Fix The 6ix, along with creative director Justin Manabat are hoping you won't give up on that gift card just yet. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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Car 'weapon of choice': lawyer

TRAFFIC

Light penalties risk more pedestrian, cyclist deaths

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A Toronto civil litigation lawyer said the car is slowly becoming a "weapon of choice," after a taxi driver was sentenced to four years in jail for killing a longboarder in a deadly road rage incident.

"We really need new laws that protect vulnerable road users," said Patrick Brown, who has been suing drivers involved in collisions with pedestrians and cyclists for the past 20 years. He's a proponent of harsher prison sentences.

"My clients are disabled for life and some killed, but drivers pay their fines, their insurance pays compensation to the survivor and that's it," he said. "No wonder we have an increase in pedestrian and cycling injuries."

Ralph Bissonnette
FACEBOOK

Last Friday, taxi driver Adib Ibrahim was sentenced to four years in jail for running over a man on a longboard in 2012. Ralph Bissonnette, then 28, died of crushing brain injuries caused by that collision on King Street East.

Adib Ibrahim
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Crown argued that Ibrahim intentionally veered his car into Bissonnette following an altercation the two had had, as seen on surveillance video. But Ibrahim and his defence said the collision was simply a tragic accident, for which the driver wasn't responsible.

While the driver was found guilty, Brown said the sentencing shows the legal system has "failed" to protect road users who aren't using cars.

"You use the car to sniff somebody's life away, and you almost get away with it," he said, explaining that if the crime had been committed using a firearm the punishment would be much stiffer.

The judge — who ruled the driver used his car as a weapon to hit the longboarder — also banned Ibrahim from driving for six years.

Even that, Brown argues, is appalling.

"Why not have that licence revoked?" he said, adding owning a driver's licence is treated like a right, when in reality it should be a privilege.

"If you carelessly or intentionally drive over someone and kill them, then you should lose your licence forever, not just for five years."

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TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

Pedestrian traffic fatalities in 2016

1 Kennedy Road & Ellesmere Road
Sunday, Jan. 3 — A 39-year-old man was hit by an SUV and killed while crossing Kennedy Road, south of Ellesmere Road.

2 Sheppard Avenue East & Chichester Place
Sunday, Jan. 17 — A 79-year-old man was hit by a crossover SUV and killed while crossing Sheppard Avenue near Chichester Place.

3 Bayview Avenue & Eglinton Avenue East
Friday, Jan. 15 — An 85-year-old woman was hit by a crossover SUV while crossing Bayview Avenue at Eglinton. She later died in hospital.

4 Dufferin Street & Armstrong Avenue
Saturday, Jan. 30 — A 90-year-old woman was hit by a car and killed while crossing Dufferin Street, south of Armstrong Avenue.

5 Dundas Street West & Poplar Avenue
Thursday, Jan 28 — A 49-year-old woman was crossing Dundas Street West when she was hit by a left-turning private bus. She was taken to hospital and succumbed to her injuries on Feb. 2.

6 Wedgewood Drive & Tobruk Crescent
Wednesday Feb. 10 — An 84-year-old man was hit by a driver who jumped the sidewalk on Wedgewood Drive. The victim was taken to hospital and died Feb. 13.

7 Finch Avenue W & Tobermory Drive
Saturday Feb. 13 — A 72-year-old woman was hit and killed by a driver as she attempted to cross Finch Avenue.

NEW FATALITY
Queen & Jarvis
Fri. March 4 - A woman was hit by a dump truck and was pronounced dead before paramedics arrived on the scene. Police have not released further details.

8 Dawes Rd & Secord Ave
Thurs. Feb. 18 — A 74-year-old woman was hit by a right-turning van driver while crossing Secord Avenue at Dawes Road. She was taken to hospital, where she died

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Man killed by Toronto police had troubled history

Friends have identified Devon LaFleur, 30, as the man killed by Toronto police outside a women's shelter. The Ottawa man had a history of mental illness but was gentle and loved nature, friends say. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Friends of Devon LaFleur are shocked the towering, "gentle" 30-year-old Ottawa man with a love of nature and history of mental illness was shot dead by Toronto police.

"If you saw Devon he would put a smile on your face," said Nayef Abdul, who grew up with LaFleur in Ottawa's south end and bumped into him about six weeks ago.

"He was the most gentle happy man I ever met in my life. It's such a shock, we're all talking here, how did the guy we know get out of here and go there and get killed by the police?" Abdul said Sunday.

The province's Special Investigations Unit says three Toronto officers in a confrontation with a man shot him outside a women's shelter, St. Clare's Residence, south of Steeles Ave., around 10 p.m. Friday on Bayview Ave.

He was pronounced dead at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. The SIU is investigating the shooting.

Abdul said police notified LaFleur's family, who told friends. Abdul said LaFleur was institutionalized with mental illness as a teen — Abdul visited him in Royal Ottawa Hospital and then, about six weeks ago, bumped into LaFleur and his dad in a grocery store.

"He was all smiles and he hugged me and introduced me to his dad," Abdul said. A mutual friend saw LaFleur on Thursday, he added, and he hoped to visit a female friend in Toronto with whom had connected on Facebook.

The Ottawa Citizen reported that police there on Friday reported LaFleur missing and warned he might be armed. The newspaper quoted sources alleging that LaFleur was suspected of robbing a bank in suburban Kanata.

The newspaper said LaFleur had been arrested in 2007 and 2009 for robberies in Ottawa, including one where he was armed with a knife.

LaFleur's Facebook page includes photos of him in B.C., including one where is hugging a massive tree. He describes himself as "Lost Boy."

Toronto police have faced questions about how they handle people in crisis since the July 2013 shooting death of Sammy Yatim by an officer later convicted of attempted murder.

Last month, the Toronto police services board voted to create an external mental health advisory committee to annually evaluate the service's training, use of force and other actions while dealing with people in crisis.

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ORILLIA

Amber Alert for boy, 8-13

The Ontario Provincial Police issued an Amber Alert Sunday night for a boy last seen in Orillia.

The boy was described as white, 8-13 years old with a thin build. He was wearing a dark blue winter coat with neon green accents, matching snow pants, dark winter boots and winter hat.

His alleged abductor was described as a 5'11" white male with a medium build and dark thick hair, wearing a black jacket with blue jeans.

The two were last seen near Bond Street at West Street in Orillia. The alleged abductor's vehicle, which was seen headed southbound on West Street, was a silver Toyota Sequoia.

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1 in 5

Even in Toronto's modern-day statues, women are being overlooked. The five most recent memorials date back to 2004 and only one recognizes a woman.

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Some are pointing out a serious gender gap in the city's public art collection as Toronto gears up to mark International Women's Day on Tuesday.

Put simply, Toronto's public sculpture collection really puts the "bro" in bronze.

According to a list of city-owned sculptures reviewed by Metro, only five of Toronto's 25 memorials depict women. The list does not include commemorative sculptures owned by other organizations — including those at Queen's Park or the University of Toronto — but with a few exceptions, those too are dedicated to men.

The lack of gender parity in public art doesn't surprise Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam. And, she said, it's a problem.

"It speaks to the continual erasure of women's histories," she said. "The value of women's contributions to community, city and nation-building is often undervalued because we're not given the same opportunities as men."

The city's first foray into the female physique appears to have been a bust of Margaret Fairley, a writer and activist, erected in a park that bears her name in the Annex in 1973. Other bronzed women in the city include early Ukrainian feminist Lesya Ukrainka and paired statues of sculptors Frances Loring and Florence Wyle. Author Gwendolyn MacEwen is the most recent to be honoured, added to the roster in 2006.

Going forward, Wong-Tam wants the city to consider public art projects through "an equity lens" and recognize contributions made by those who don't necessarily look like Winston Churchill.

1 Jack's Got Your Back (2013): A memorial to late NDP leader Jack Layton in Harbourfront Square.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

2 Al Purdy (2008): A tribute to the Canadian poetry legend in Queen's Park.
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3 Gwendolyn MacEwen (2006): A bust of the prolific Toronto author in an Annex parkette.
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4 Alexander Wood (2005): A statue in Toronto's gay village of a Scottish merchant forced to leave Upper Canada in 1810 after being ridiculed as an alleged homosexual.
LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

5 Johnny Lombardi (2004): A bench sculpture of the famous broadcaster and multiculturalism advocate in Little Italy.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"Before we make a decision to commemorate someone we should ask who has already been commemorated," she said.

It's not just gender, said Alison Norman, an adjunct history professor at the University of Toronto and a research advisor to the provincial Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

"It's a race imbalance, too," she said. "We need more monuments to indigenous people and people of colour."

Sally Han, manager of cultural partnerships for Toronto, acknowledged women are underrepresented. But, any effort to change that will be slow, she said, because "that whole style of figurative sculpture isn't really done anymore."

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Getting a statue added to Toronto's public art and monuments collection is no easy task, says Sally Han, the city's manager of cultural partnerships.

When it comes to memorial art, the city is "reactive," Han said, meaning it doesn't commission works. Instead, it assists grassroots groups who want to commemorate a community member. For example, the Jack Layton memorial in Harbourfront Square was the result of a $350,000 donation from the Ontario Federation of Labour.

"The drive has to come from the public," Han said.

SCULPTURE SUGGESTIONS

Metro asked people to make suggestions on local women who should be commemorated with statues. These were some of the most popular answers.

Elizabeth Simcoe: The wife of the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, Simcoe is responsible for the naming of Scarborough, and her diaries are important historical documents that offer glimpses into life in colonial Ontario.

Jean Lumb: The first Chinese Canadian woman to receive the Order of Canada, Lumb was instrumental in preserving Toronto's historic Chinatown.

Constance Hamilton: A renowned suffragette, Hamilton was elected to Toronto city council in 1920, becoming the first woman in Ontario to hold an elected position in government.

Jane Jacobs: The patron saint of urbanists around the world, Jacobs called Toronto home and left an indelible mark on the city's identity and its planning policies.

Mary Ann Shadd Cary: A prominent anti-slavery activist, Shadd Cary moved to Ontario from the U.S. in 1850. She founded a racially integrated school in Windsor, Ont., and became the first African American newspaper editor in North America when she founded the Provincial Freeman in 1853.

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U.S. President Barack Obama, right, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held a bilateral meeting at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in the Philippines in November 2015. **Trudeau will visit the White House, speak to a women's group in New York and attend a nuclear summit in Washington throughout March.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trudeau U.S. trip a stately throwback

POLITICS

PM channels former prime minister with 3 visits in March

This month will feel like a blast to a long-lost past where Canadian prime ministers visited the United States frequently and received considerable attention while doing so.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will be in the U.S. three times this month: for a state-level visit to the White House this week, to speak to a women's group in New York the following week and for an international nuclear summit in Washington at the end of the month.

The number of visits in such a short period and the level of attention they're expected to garner will have a bit of a Mackenzie King feel to them.

Newspapermen would crowd into the Canadian embassy and write lengthy stories even when the famously tight-lipped King had nothing to say during his several-times-a-year visits to his buddy Franklin Roosevelt.

"It's only to be expected that when one of the capital's favourite visiting statesmen comes to town he will be wined, dined and feted," a 1942 society column in the Washington Post wrote.

The trips became less familiar and less frequent after the Second World War.

Lester Pearson visited a few times in a short span. He was on the front page of the New York Times and Washington Post, smiling with John F. Kennedy at the family compound in Cape Cod.

His next visits were tinged with tragedy following the death of Kennedy, and he was at odds with Lyndon B. Johnson.

There's a more relevant precedent for the attention on Trudeau: his dad.

Trudeau infuriated Americans by ordering a reduction in oil exports to the U.S. by nearly one-quarter during the 1970s oil shock. On one visit, he was warned by a famous lawmaker that this would cause an "ugly relationship." THE CANADIAN PRESS

OPPORTUNITY

Obama White House veteran Brett Bruen said Trudeau could capitalize by doing more unconventional media. "Establish him as an American celebrity ... That's one of the unique opportunities offered by his prime ministership," Bruen said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Call to action against racism

A Vancouver-area radio DJ wants people across Canada to raise their hands — figuratively and literally — against racism this month.

Shushma Datt, founder and host of Spice Radio, immigrated to Canada in the early 1970s: "I went to many stations and was not accepted," Datt told Metro.

Last year's inaugural event was a huge success, Datt said. "It was so popular we had calls coming in as far as England and Germany."

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POLITICS

Ontario PCs young, diverse: Tory leader

Ontario's Progressive Conservatives emerged from a weekend convention confident they will be able to defeat the Liberals in the 2018 election, with a younger and more inclusive party hungry for new ideas.

The new Ontario PC party logo. CONTRIBUTED

It was the first convention for new leader Patrick Brown, who announced his first major policy position, saying he supported a price on carbon to fight climate change and calling the Liberals' cap-and-trade plan a $1.9 billion government cash grab.

Brown, 37, a former federal Conservative MP who won the PC leadership in May 2015, offered few details on how he'd put a price on carbon — British Columbia's carbon tax "is one example" — and said it must be "revenue neutral" with tax cuts for people and businesses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Women fear being seen

AFGHANISTAN

UN agency to black out pics on website to highlight plight

A United Nations agency in Afghanistan plans to stop publishing photographs on its website to highlight the plight of Afghan women ahead of International Women's Day on March 8, a UN official said on Sunday.

The move aims to bring attention to the fear many Afghan women have of the potential consequences of appearing in public or having their photographs published, said Rob Few, chief of communications for the UN Development Program in Kabul.

Photographs already on the UNDP's Afghanistan website would be blacked out starting Sunday, and replaced with the hashtag #WhereAreTheWomen, Few said.

Few said the UNDP's decision came after an Afghan woman helped by the agency to escape an abusive forced marriage said she was too afraid to have her photo published alongside a report about her experience.

"Walk down any street, or into any government office, or into any hospital, police station, business or university, and you have to ask yourself, 'Where are the women?'" Few said.

The post-2001 constitution protects women from violence and discrimination.

But after more than 30 years of conflict, Afghan society has largely retreated into religious conservatism that has seen more women, even in the capital Kabul, wearing the burqa and the niqab full-face veil for fear of a Taliban return.

President Ashraf Ghani has pledged that women's rights will not be eroded in exchange for peace with the Taliban. Face-to-face talks that were expected to take place early this month appear to be in jeopardy after the Taliban issued a statement Saturday saying they would not participate.

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UNITED STATES

Nancy Reagan, 94, dies

Nancy Reagan, helpmate, backstage adviser and fierce protector of Ronald Reagan in his journey from actor to U.S. president — and finally during his 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease — has died. She was 94.

The former first lady died Sunday at her home in Bel-Air, Calif., of congestive heart failure.

When she swept into the White House in 1981, the former Hollywood actress partial to designer gowns and pricey china was widely dismissed as a pre-feminist throwback. She maintained that her only mission was to back her "Ronnie" and strengthen his presidency.

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REFUGEE CRISIS

Migrants drown as Macedonia cuts flow

At least 25 people drowned off the Turkish coast while trying to reach Greece on Sunday, while Macedonian authorities imposed further restrictions on refugees trying to cross the Greek border.

The Turkish coast guard launched a search-and-rescue mission for other migrants believed to be missing from the accident, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported, and rescued 15 off the Aegean Sea resort of Didim, it added. The dead included three children, according to private Dogan news agency.

Meanwhile, Greek police officials said Macedonian authorities are allowing only those from cities they consider to be affected by war to cross the Idomeni border crossing from Greece. That means people from cities such as Aleppo in Syria, for example, can enter, but those from the Syrian capital of Damascus or the Iraqi capital of Baghdad are being stopped.

The two officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak on the record. A UN refugee agency official in Macedonia confirmed the new restrictions, and criticized the decision.

"This is not all right," said Ljubinka Brasnarska, UNHCR senior external relations assistant in Macedonia, told the AP. "Everybody from Syria who came needs international protection."

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A man carries his baby as refugees wait near the Greek-Macedonian border in the Greek village of Idomeni, where thousands of refugees and migrants wait to cross the border into Macedonia. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

U.S. schools crack down on bullying of Muslim students

In response to a surge in reports of anti-Muslim bullying — students being called terrorists, having their head scarves ripped off and facing bias even from teachers — U.S. schools are expanding efforts deployed in the past to help protect gays, racial minorities and other marginalized groups.

While stressing that students have rights under the law, and that offences should be reported, speakers at schools and mosques have also discussed how to create an inclusive culture, how Muslims are scapegoated for attacks and how non-Muslims can be allies to their peers.

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More flight debris found

Johny Begue, the man who found a fragment of the Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 that disappeared two years ago, has found more debris on the island of Reunion.

He turned it in to police. Begue found a fragment known as a flaperon on July 29 that investigators identified as part of the jet that disappeared with 239 people March 8, 2014.

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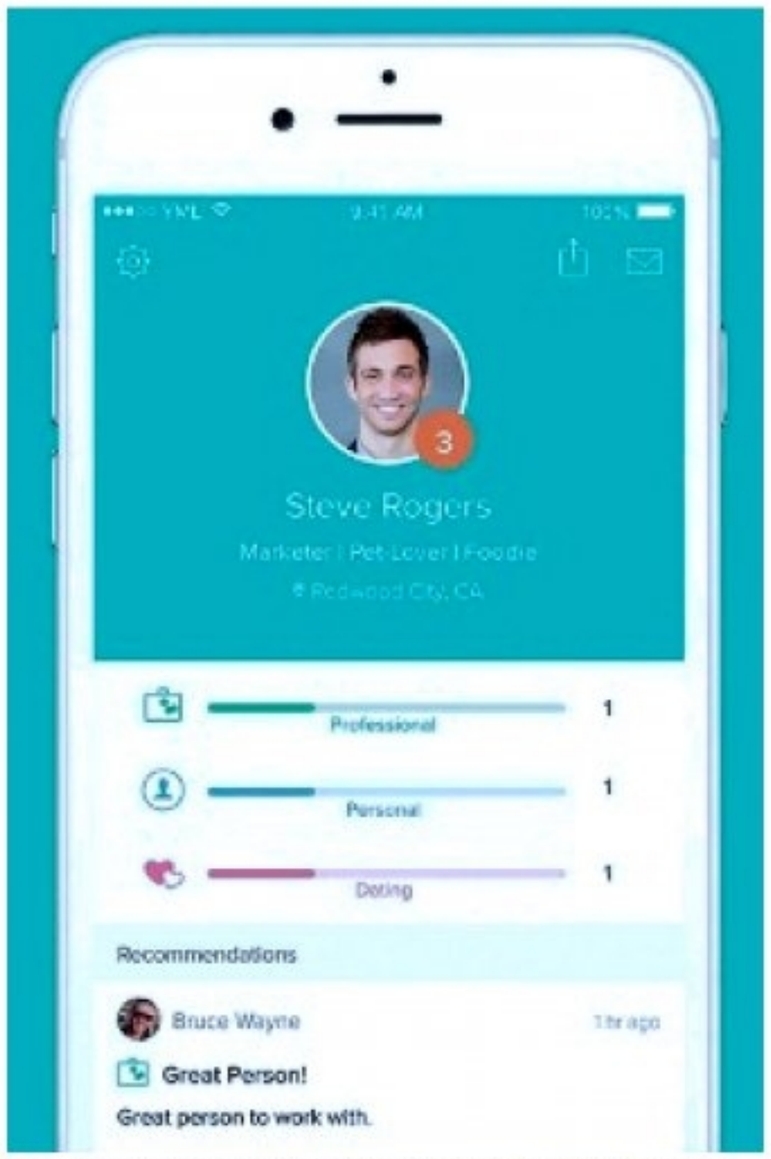

Peeple, a controversial app that was initially called the most hated app in the world, is coming out in a watered-down form. CONTRIBUTED

Peeple rating app finally set to launch

CONTROVERSY

Founders forced to make changes after online furor

It was reviled as the most hated app in the world, and that was before it actually existed. Now people will get a chance to judge Peeple, as it is set to become available for download on Apple's App Store on Monday.

Last October, when its creators first unveiled Peeple, which is best described as a "Yelp for Humans," it managed to do the unthinkable and unite public opinion online. The only problem was that the sentiment was almost entirely negative.

The ensuing online media firestorm had co-founders, Julia Cordray and Nicole McCullough, shamed on every existing social network, doxxed (their personal information put online) and made the target of personal threats. They retreated from most online platforms, but did post that they were listening to the criticisms, and would be changing the most contentious things about the app before launch.

That day has arrived as they prepare for the world to judge their product, as opposed to their intentions.

"I would say the death threats. That was kind of ridiculous," says Cordray, the Calgary-based CEO, when asked what was the worst thing about the social media backlash.

Cordray says there are four main changes to the app:

1. Users have to join the app to participate. You must use your Facebook profile (which has to be older than six months) to log-in and provide your phone number. Initially, anybody could create a profile of another person, if they had that other person's email and phone number.

Canadian Julia Cordray, right, and her U.S. business partner Nicole McCullough, creators of the Peeple app. CONTRIBUTED

2. The app scrapped a five-star rating system, and instead created a Peeple number, which is the total number of online recommendations in each of three areas you can be judged in the app: professional, personal and dating.

3. Users now have full control of what is published on their profile. Originally, positive comments would go live immediately, but lower or negative appraisals would stay private for 48 hours, as users were supposed to negotiate to improve that rating before it went public.

4. The ability to deactivate an account at any time. Initially, Peeple planned to have no way to opt out.

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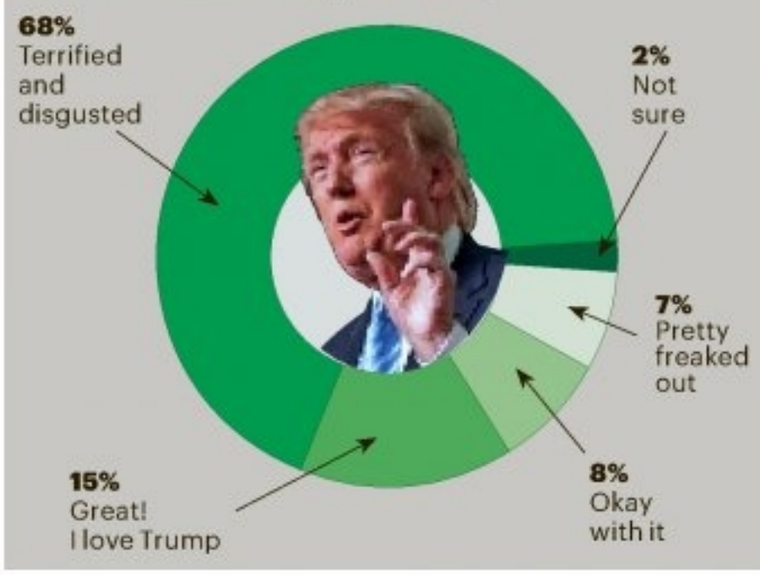
ZOOMING IN
Biologists have shown that the Zika virus kills and disrupts cells of the brain's outer layer, **explaining how it may be causing birth defects.**

MONDAY METRO POLL

Should the U.S. dump Trump?

He's brash, he's bombastic, he's a billionaire — and he very well could become the next president of the United States. Donald Trump appears close to clinching the Republican nomination, and that has many people jumpy (and others jumping for joy). We asked our readers if they're happy about a potential Trump administration or if they were hoping never to hear those two words together.

1 How do you feel about the prospect of a Donald Trump presidency?



2 Who would you vote for in the Republican primary?

WE ASKED Metro readers

Trump is a joke that went too far. This man with the keys to nuclear weapons is a terrifying thought.

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If Donald Trump takes office, he will create an atmosphere of hate and intolerance.

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We have peace, but this budget battle isn't over

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

Crisis averted.

Following a work-to-rule campaign and a couple of weeks of frosty negotiations, CUPE Local 79, the union representing Toronto's inside workers, reached a deal with the city last week. CUPE Local 416, repping the city's outside workers, reached a deal last month.

So, hey, good news. There will be no lockouts or strikes for two of the city's largest unions.

The city's budget strategy ... relies too much on workers accepting less to offset artificially low tax rates.

Uncollected garbage won't pile up and create neighbourhood Mount Trashmores. Registration for swimming lessons and other recreation programs will proceed in its regular totally chaotic way, pitting parent against parent in virtual cage matches for the limited spots available. The business of the city will roll on.

Give Mayor John Tory credit for that. This round of negotiations didn't look easy, but both sides always seemed respectful.

But the news isn't all good. Lurking underneath this moment of labour success is the fact that the city's ability to continue reaching good deals from its workers is limited by the nonsensical budget situation.

Put yourself in the shoes of a city worker for a second. And try to take politics out of the equation.

In that scenario, your employer keeps telling you that they can't afford to pay you more — hell, their best offer for wage increases probably won't even keep pace with annual inflation.

Now, also consider that despite the city's claim it can't afford to increase wages, there's ample evidence pointing to the fact that it could.

There's the sweetheart deals with the police union. (The cops got an 8.64 per cent raise over four years in their last contract, compared to the five per cent raise over four years in the CUPE 416 deal.)

There's the continued reality that, despite crying poor when it's convenient, a majority of city councillors have little trouble spending billions on projects of dubious value (like the Gardiner East and the Scarborough subway).

And there's the mayor's insistence that property tax increases be held below inflation (even though rates are already lower than every other municipality in the GTA).

In this environment, is it really possible to talk about a fair deal?

Still, given that any kind of work stoppage would have likely only whipped up a frothing anti-union sentiment from the public, labour negotiators were smart to take what they could get this time.

But don't kid yourself.

The city's long-standing budget strategy isn't likely to preserve long-term labour peace. It relies too much on workers accepting less in order to offset artificially low tax rates, the monstrous growth of the police budget and big spending on needless projects.

If this doesn't change, don't expect a deal to get done so quickly next time.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The Trump campaign looks, quite simply, a lot like America

So far, the Republican presidential primary has been described as a schoolyard, a circus, a joke, a nightmare, a problem to be fixed, a slow-motion train wreck, the beginning of the end of the Republican Party, the beginning of a new kind of political party.

But for those of us seated comfortably on the outside, it has looked, simply, a lot like America.

Those flabbergasted by The Donald's seeming supremacy thus far — I understand. They see things changing dramatically before their eyes, and it scares the hell out of them.

But what, really, is changing? It isn't American culture, which birthed Trump and which often seems to prize individual wealth and fame above all else. What is changing is American politics, insofar as it's reflecting the broader zeitgeist.

In Trump's words on Thursday, before he called Mitt Romney "irrelevant" and spent the next 30 minutes berating him: "This is not a plateau; this is a movement. We have a movement going on, folks."

Indeed. What is Donald Trump if not the inevitable progeny of American popular culture and the logical end to it? In 2012, one study found that 10- to 12-year-old American kids wanted, above all, to be famous when they grow up and that they wanted the fame for its own sake, though surely wouldn't mind the money. As an American friend and I joke, in Canada, people say, "If I was rich..." and in the U.S., it's, "When I'm rich..."

Trump's outsized everything — bombast, ego, tanning regime, verbiage, so-called "policies," insults, outrage — is politics, supersized, just like the cliché American diet.

This is not to say that Trump is not disturbing. Like many, I've been guzzling Trump think-pieces like Pepto-Bismol, but nothing calmed that burning feeling in the pit of my stomach until a recent Vox article. It equates Trump-love with authoritarianism and illuminates the existence of a distinct voter in the U.S. — the authoritarian. A person who prizes order and conformity above all else. A person who approves of Trump's regressive slogan and his alpha-male persona, which promises to strong-arm the country into submission.

The article describes how a variety of factors, including decades of fear-mongering from right-wing media, the collapse of the middle class and dramatic social change such as same-sex marriage have combined to trigger authoritarian tendencies in enough Americans to make The Donald credible.

In other words: Trump is suited exactly to his time and place, in the good old U.S. of A.

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Lena Dunham, who has endometriosis, is undergoing surgery after an ovarian cyst rupture

Like Beyoncé sings, "best revenge is your paper." **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** has only five more weeks to break Annick and Yolanda of any bad financial habits and to build a budget for their future.

Budgeting for Beyoncé

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
metromoney

THE CHALLENGE: At the start of January Metro's financial guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie started performing a financial makeover on two young women. Annick, a Calgary-based 24-year-old, and Yolanda, a Mississauga-based 27-year-old, have just 12 weeks to get their financial houses in order and drastically improve their net worth (assets minus liabilities). Follow along @LesleyScorgie #MetroMoneyMakeover to see their progress.

THIS WEEK: "What-if" expenses can throw you off budget and Annick must build up a financial buffer to weather these infrequent cash-crunches. Should these emergency funds be used for wants as well as needs?

NEXT WEEK: Yolanda's frugality is really paying off. She's up to $600 per month in savings (outside of her pension) for her down payment. Can she afford to continue her generous donations to sponsor two children and tithe to her place of worship? Stay tuned.

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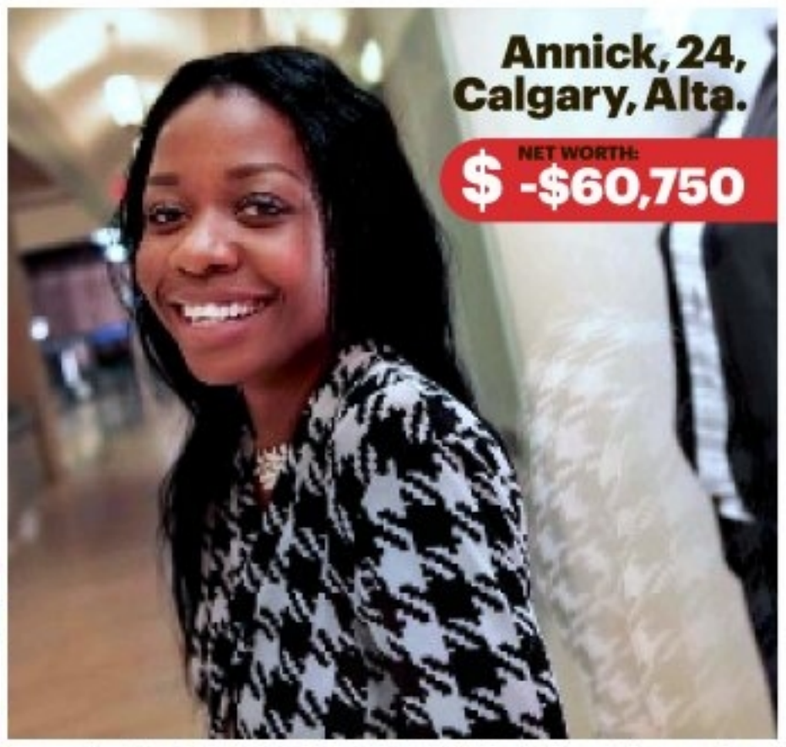

Annick spent $322 on a ticket to see Beyoncé in May, but she's promised to downgrade her seats if she misses the mark on her ambitious debt repayment plan. GETTY IMAGES; JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

THE SITUATION

Even if Michael Jackson came back from the dead, Annick wouldn't pay as much to see him perform as she has to watch Beyoncé in Edmonton this May. Tickets went on sale two weeks ago and Annick, plus one friend, jumped on presale seats for a whooping $322 a piece. What?

I get it. Beyoncé is killer in concert and Annick needs to reward herself every so often. But would $200 tickets have done the trick?

The price of Annick's Beyoncé ticket is equivalent to 11 per cent of her outstanding consumer debt. In Annick's 60/60/60 debt reduction plan, where she eliminates one of her consumer debts every 60 days, she's earmarked $950 in March towards debt repayment. We ran the numbers and Annick needs to pick up extra shifts at her part-time job (she also has a regular full-time gig) this month to afford both Beyoncé and this month's debt payments.

Over a virtual Skype handshake last week, Annick and I agreed that if she hasn't made her target for debt repayment by March 15, she'll trade in her premium Beyoncé tickets for the nosebleed seats. I think she can do it!

THE LESSON

Even the most frugal and financially dedicated people still need fun and entertainment in their life. Otherwise, they'll end up with bags of money, flaky friends and lonely. The key however, is to strike a balance — a.k.a. frugal rewards that fill your soul, not drain your bank account.

One of the most effective approaches to frugal rewards is to build up a financial buffer. It's similar to building emergency funds for legit "what-if" scenarios. You simply open a separate account from the one your paycheque gets deposited into, and contribute in regular automatic intervals such as $25 bi-weekly. That way, when trips to Miami or encounters with Beyoncé pop up, you can afford the purchase and shed any overspending guilt.

Annick requires two financial buffer accounts; the first is for fun splurges and she'll start contributing $20 per paycheque into a high-interest savings account for that. The second, is an emergency fund that she'll build within her TFSA by contributing $25 biweekly. Having both will ensure her "what-if" needs and wants are covered. When she's consumer debt-free this July, she can amp up her contributions to both.

NET WORTH

THE PROGRESS
Since starting the Metro Money Makeover in January, Annick has added $1,700 to her net worth by reducing her debt and starting to save for retirement in her group RRSP through work.

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HEALTH

U.K. company's planned period policy sparks debate

Sick days are standard in most organizations, but a British company may soon allow its female employees leave to cope with a specific ailment: period pain.

Bristol-based community hub Coexist is aiming to develop a "period policy" which could potentially include allowing women time off during menstruation. Coexist is hosting a Pioneering Period Policy event slated for March 15.

"The purpose of this policy initiative is to create a positive approach to menstruation and the menstrual cycle that empowers women and men and supports the effectiveness and well-being of the organization," reads a portion of the event overview.

Coexist looks to potentially follow the path blazed by countries where menstrual leave has been enshrined in law.

Japan enacted menstruation leave in 1947. In Taiwan, female workers "having difficulties" working during menstruation can request a one-day leave each month. South Korea also offers paid menstrual leave.

In an emailed statement, Nike said workers at contract factories manufacturing for the sportswear giant are provided menstrual leave in countries where this benefit is protected under local law.

However, the company doesn't have a formal menstrual leave policy.

A 2005 Canadian study found 51 per cent of 934 women reported their activities had been limited due to cramping during menstruation. ISTOCK

A 2005 Canadian study looking at the prevalence of women with primary dysmenorrhea — recurrent pain and cramping during menstruation — found that severe symptoms could notably impact their daily lives.

Among 934 women with the condition, researchers said 51 per cent reported that their activities had been limited, and 17 per cent reported missing school or work.

"There's a significant amount of women that have some pain with their periods, and in a portion of those women it is quite unmanageable," said Dr. Catherine Allaire, medical director of the B.C. Women's Centre for Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis.

Allaire said some women can be bedridden as a result of severe discomfort, which can also be a symptom of endometriosis — a painful condition where the tissue lining the uterus grows outside the organ.

"There's a discomfort in discussing priva… lems of that sort," said Allaire. "It's also not a cancer or anything deadly, so it's not something that people understand can cause so much disability."

"There's a significant amount of women that have some pain with their periods, and in a portion of those women it is quite unmanageable."
Dr. Catherine Allaire

Toronto-based human resources specialist Lisa Kay said the introduction of menstrual leave has the potential to raise positive and negative issues in the workplace.

"From the employee's perspective, it certainly is nice to know that your employer appreciates that this is a challenging time for women, and would support a woman taking this time off if necessary. But I do think it's awkward for a woman to approach a male employer," said Kay, president and lead consultant of Peak Performance Human Resources.

"There would need to be resources in place or support systems in place to make it feasible for women to take advantage of this."

From an HR perspective, Kay expressed concerns over instituting a policy that would benefit a portion of the company's workforce.

"It really only represents a small demographic of employees who suffer from this particular ailment and it impacts their work. There's thousands of other things," said Kay.

"Can employees who suffer from regular migraines take this time off? Can employees who suffer from arthritis and are unable to work take this time off?

"I just think it does bring some challenges that employers are going to have to stumble through in order to make this a realistic and viable option for their employees."

Ultimately, if employers want to institute menstrual leave, Kay said she would "fully support it."

"I think there's a very important communications piece in the way that it's delivered to employees. It's going to have to be done sensitively as well, and the policy will have to be written in a way that's really clear in how it's implemented."

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Time to grow up and start paying rent

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

I am constantly amazed at the number of people I meet who, as working adults living with their parents, pay no rent. Some of you are making a damn fine living. And you're spending. But, for whatever reason, your parents don't think you need to be paying rent. And neither do you.

If you're one of those people — or one of those parents — it's time to get real.

When adult children live at home, work, and pay no rent, they are learning to live on a disposable income they will never again have in their lives. Even if the reason they are living at home is to pay off debt, not contributing to the household in which they live keeps them in the mindset of children.

You can hardly expect to be treated like an adult if you do not assume the responsibilities of an adult. And what will happen when you finally do move out? (You do want to eventually move out, don't you?) How will you have any sense of what it costs to live a real life if you've allowed yourself to be sheltered from reality well into adulthood?

I've seen it again and again. Jack and Diane both lived at home before they married. They had lots of money for concerts, shopping, snappy clothes and eating out. Now they're married. Having saved a down payment — that's a good thing, right? — they bought a home. But Diane can't sleep at night because of the bills piling up. And Jack thinks he's going to be trapped in his house for the rest of his life because he doesn't have any extra money now that he's king of his castle.

If you have parents who say, "I can't take money from my kids," that's no excuse.

If you were living on your own, you'd easily be spending 35 per cent of your income on housing, never mind food. So you best start setting aside that money as if you were paying rent.

Learning to live on a realistic disposable income is how you'll make the transition to independence viable.

When should you start setting aside your rent money?

The minute you're working full time (even it that's three part-time jobs), you should be contributing to the household so you learn what real life costs.

Or you should be setting aside that money for the future if your parents adamantly refuse to take it. The point is to live as if you'd spent that money on rent.

Aim to get diversity down to a fine art

MULTICULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Galleries acknowledge need to mix it up more

Catherine Kustanczy
For Metro Canada

Visitors look at an exhibition of landscape paintings at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Everyone has their own idea of what Canadian art is. The landscapes depicted by the Group of Seven painters in the early 20th century, beautiful as they are, don't fully represent the Canada of the 21st century, particularly its racial diversity.

A report published in Canadian Art magazine this past spring examined demographics of solo exhibitions of living artists at Canadian public institutions had disappointing results: 56 per cent of shows were by white male artists. Just 11 per cent were by non-white male and female artists.

"A lot of change needs to happen," says Sandra Brewster, a multi-media artist whose work examines race and identity. "Institutions must engage with these artists."

Charmaine Lurch agrees. "If we're not in those power structures, in those areas, then we're not known, and not invited in," says the award-winning arts researcher and interdisciplinary artist. "I think our work is seen more as a decoration."

Engagement is just one of the steps in a larger overall process, says Andrew Hunter, the Fredrik S. Eaton Curator of Canadian Art at the Art Gallery of Ontario. "One of the things we've been talking a lot about is, what is it visitors expect? What are their preconceptions? If you continue to think of your country and your country's story through images of an empty landscape, that doesn't encourage them to think of the cultural diversity of the country."

Melanie Kjorlien, Vice President of Access, Collections and Exhibitions at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, echoes this. "People have a greater awareness of the Group of Seven and Emily Carr — it's something they think they should see. We put those things in our mix of programming, but we also try to include other stuff that people might not be familiar with. We are conscious of wanting to add to the collection things that reflect the community, including diverse artists coming to the fore."

Both Lurch and Brewster say leadership at Canadian arts institutions should more accurately reflect Canada's multicultural landscape. "If they feel that diversity is important, which is something we all keep hearing about, then they should find strategies to make diversity happen — in offices, in programming, in their collections, and in their audiences," Brewster says.

Hunter agrees. "The mix of (leadership) has to be reflective, and I think that's a challenge for many institutions. Many are making strides but everybody also recognizes there's a long way to go."

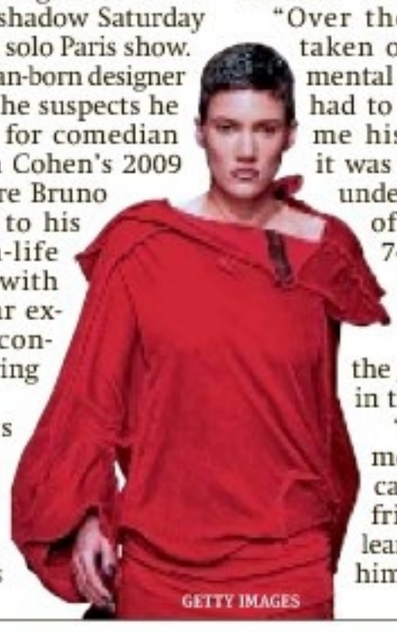
"We are conscious of wanting to add to the collection things that reflect the community
Melanie Kjorlien, Glenbow Museum

FASHION

Westwood's husband debuts first runway show in Paris

Vivienne Westwood declared her husband Andreas Kronthaler "the world's greatest designer" as he emerged from her flamboyant shadow Saturday with his first solo Paris show.

The Austrian-born designer — who says he suspects he is the basis for comedian Sacha Baron Cohen's 2009 fashion satire Bruno — lived up to his larger-than-life reputation with a spectacular explosion of convention-defying decadence.



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As guests cheered his chutzpah, Westwood confessed to reporters that Kronthaler — who is 25 years her junior — had long been the power behind the throne.

"Over the years he has taken over the experimental stuff and I have had to follow. He calls me his muse. I think it was time the public understood the truth of this," said the 74-year-old queen of the punk fashion revolution.

"I think he is the greatest designer in the world.

"He wouldn't like me to say that because he is always frightened. I have learnt so much from him," she added.

Kronthaler, who has worked closely with Westwood for years both as a model, stylist and muse, sent a dizzying array of disparate looks down the runway in the show billed as "Andreas Kronthaler for Vivienne Westwood."

All were in one way or another gender bending, with priestly girls, men in gold lame dresses and snake-skin effect boots, and women in oversized Alpine jackets from his native Tyrol.

Some of his models looked like senators emerging from a Roman bathhouse in blood-red togas (pictured left) while others wore long trailing Tibetan monk's hats, but all — male and female —wore platform shoes and boots.

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Ferreira will appear on Jeopardy on March 11 — likely among the last Canadians to do so. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

I'll take Canadians for $400, please

Victor Ferreira has been preparing to take his place behind the podium since he was just three years old. He even learned to speak English by watching the classic quiz show hosted by Alex Trebek.

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There's never been anything trivial about Victor Ferreira's Jeopardy obsession. When his family immigrated to Cambridge, Ont., from the Azores, a 3-year-old Ferreira had access to only a few channels. And amid screenings of Beetlejuice and The Price is Right, the precocious toddler who spoke only Portuguese became weirdly fixated on this blue-hued quiz-show and its demanding esoterica.

"I understood, like, none of it," Ferreira recalled. "But it was a little world I could uncover."

And the rewards for Ferreira's Jeopardy zealotry really haven't ceased since: the show helped him learn English, then led to his adolescent adoration for Reach for the Top, and, finally, to the show's sparkling Culver City, Calif., studio and a meeting with Alex Trebek.

This Friday, Ferreira will finally compete on Jeopardy after years of trying. And he so happens to be appearing just after the show announced that Canadians are no longer able to apply due to online privacy laws — so he could be one of the last Canucks quizzing.

"After watching the show for so long and dreaming of being on it, it's surreal," Ferreira said. "You're stepping into a real-life dream."

Ferreira grew up in a "very humble" household, the youngest of three siblings all a decade-plus older ("I was a mistake baby"). His parents had elementary-school educations and worked long hours to provide, his dad as a construction worker, his mother as a nanny, until debilitating osteoarthritis forced her into retirement.

It didn't take long for his siblings to realize Victor was different. "From two years old, he always wanted to get into conversations with the grown-ups," remembered his brother Rui.

"He always had a lot of questions," agreed his sister, Natercia Hennessey. "I'm so happy that we have Google now, but back then we didn't. The only way I could fuel his mind was to get him a library card."

After a distinguished high school stint, Ferreira was accepted to McMaster for health sciences, thus becoming the first person in his family to go to university. He eventually achieved a PhD in medical sciences and now works as a researcher at the University Health Network.

He's been trying to get on Jeopardy for years, including a near-Trebek experience in 2011 when he passed the first stage of screening. He learned just before Christmas that he was successful this time, and immediately began training with the sort of rabid rigour usually reserved for boxing-movie montages.

His specialties are science and pop culture, so he focused on his weaknesses, including poetry and Civil War minutiae. He downloaded his own buzzer sounds, staged trial games against friends, and practised his clicker timing by watching Jeopardy with a yellow highlighter in hand.

He shot his show on Jan. 27, journeying with his girlfriend to California for the first time. The next day was his 30th birthday, which they celebrated playing in the waves of Venice Beach, left alone in the 22 C mildness.

He can't talk about the outcome, but he delighted in meeting Trebek. He had heard the host could be a "little cranky" but instead found him generously open, game to chat about the Azores and joke about the American-centric questions.

As far as how Ferreira felt stepping onstage? We'll take "unbelievably nervous" for $1,000, Alex. "On a scale from one to 10, I was a 15," he said. "You just hope you don't make a total ass of yourself on TV."

Well, his family would have been proud no matter the outcome.

His siblings — two of whom work at a Denso manufacturing plant in Guelph, another at an ONroute in Cambridge — speak glowingly of their baby brother. Hennessey recalls filming Victor's high school graduation, where he was valedictorian, and ruining the audio. "The whole thing, all you can hear is me crying."

And of course, Ferreira's parents, who don't speak much English, are thrilled.

"They usually watch the Portuguese evening news, then turn over and watch Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy — two shows with the highest degree of difficulty for non-native speakers," he said. "They've been telling all their friends to tune in and watch."

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If the whole world went to the hogs

Disney's new movie Zootopia got us thinking: what if animals really did rule the world? It's not the first movie to envision an alternate version of human society. As these examples illustrate, there are some serious advantages to living in animal-centric worlds. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Babe (1995)

The kingdom: Modest barnyard with wide variety of affable talking creatures and kindly god figure Farmer Hoggett

Benefits: High tolerance for citizens with pronounced eccentricities (i.e., pigs who think they're dogs), local fairs that offer American Idol-like opportunities to emerging talents

Drawbacks: Like the goose says, "Dinner means death! Death means carnage! Christmas means carnage!"

Ants (1998)

The kingdom: An ant colony in New York's Central Park that's presented as a totalitarian, rigidly conformist society with billions of inhabitants.

Benefits: Life is hard but at least the bars have plenty of "aphid beer" and line dancing.

Drawbacks: Wars with acid-spewing termites, bitter class divisions between upper-crust ants and their proletariat lessers, constant threat of being crushed by giant sneaker tread.

Kung Fu Panda (2008)

The kingdom: The verdant valleys and majestic mountains of ancient China except most of the inhabitants don't need coats to stay warm.

Benefits: Remarkably inclusive attitudes to potentially divisive issues of species difference (tigers and monkeys enjoy friendships with insects and birds) and non-traditional families.

Drawbacks: Sizeism still rampant, inner peace as hard to achieve as ever.

Fantastic Mr. Fox (2009)

The kingdom: Parallel world of nattily dressed woodland creatures in and underneath bucolic English countryside.

Benefits: Excellent tunnel system, reputable badger attorneys, strong support for local newspaper, relaxed attitude to table manners.

Drawbacks: Rifle-toting farmers living in close vicinity, hard to maintain look of freshly pressed shirt.

Planet of the Apes (1968)

The kingdom: Brutal world in which primates occupy all roles of an early industrial society. It's really a postapocalyptic Earth!

Benefits: Chance to look bad-ass in a black leather vest, easy to get hairless-ape slaves to do the stuff you don't want to.

Drawbacks: Restrictive caste system that limits gorillas to roles as authoritarian right-wingers and chimps as intellectual liberals, no ethical constraints to prevent chimp-on-human experiments.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

High tension in the ordinary

Peet stars in the Duplass brothers' HBO series Togetherness. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Togetherness, Season 2, Episode 2 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The Game

In a L.A. backyard, Tina (Amanda Peet), her sister Michelle (Melanie Lynskey), Michelle's husband Brett (Mark Duplass), Brett's best friend Alex (Steve Zissis) and Alex's new girlfriend Christy (Ginger Gonzaga) play a party game: Someone names a movie, the next person names a star from it. Simple? Hah.

In season one, Tina rejected Alex. Now he's successful, and Tina's jealous of Christy, who's young and hot. Christy is onto Tina. So when Tina screws up the game, Christy humiliates her by condescending to her. "You can reject a clue if it's too hard," he says, as if to a child. She offers to switch seats, "so it will be easier for you."

"You don't have to change the rules for me," Tina says, eyeballing her. "I'm a big girl."

For four minutes (!) the tension escalates. The players squirm.

This show, created by Duplass, Zissis, and Duplass's brother Jay (who co-stars on Transparent), is so good is makes me mad. I'm irked that I'm not pals with the Duplasses and their gang of creatives. I'd voluntarily hold their boom, and I hate holding things over my head. I can barely change my shower curtain.

The whole season shines. Peet and Lynskey are especially moving. And anyone who doubts that drama can be wrung from seemingly ordinary moments should study the end of this scene, as Tina and Christy bet on whether Jennifer Grey costarred in Ferris Bueller's Day Off. It's like the car chase in The French Connection, but on lawn chairs.

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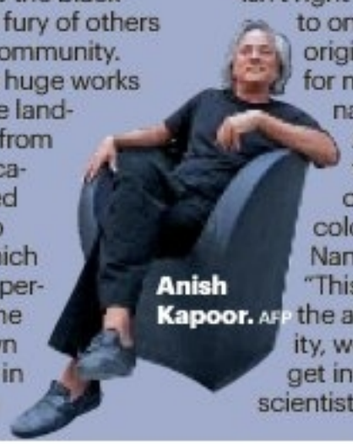
GOSSIP BRIEFS

'Vantablack' colour monopoly angers artists

Sculptor Anish Kapoor sparked debate in Britain Thursday by buying the exclusive right to use a pigment said to be the blackest ever, to the fury of others in the artistic community. Kapoor, whose huge works of public art are landmarks in cities from London to Chicago, has snapped up the rights to Vantablack, which absorbs 99.96 percent of light. The move has drawn some criticism in Britain's artistic community. Christian Furr, a portraitist who had planned to use Vantablack in a series of paintings, told the Mail on Sunday newspaper: "We should be able to use it. It isn't right that it belongs to one man." It was originally developed for military and aeronautical purposes. Asked about the reaction of other artists, the colour's makers NanoSystems said: "This debate is for the artistic community, we don't want to get involved. We are scientists." AFP



Anish Kapoor. AFP

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Lionel Messi scored twice in a 4-0 win over Eibar as FC Barcelona ran its unbeaten run to 36 games in all competitions

Raptors denied 13th straight home win

NBA

Rockets come back to take over in dying minutes

SUNDAY At ACC

113	107
ROCKETS	RAPTORS

The Toronto Raptors' record run at home is over.

James Harden had 40 points and 14 assists to lift the Houston Rockets to a 113-107 victory over Toronto on Sunday, handing the Raptors their first loss at the Air Canada Centre in 13 games.

Luis Scola topped Toronto (41-20) with 21 points, while DeMar DeRozan had 19 points. Kyle Lowry finished with 17 and nine assists, and Jonas Valanciunas chipped in with 12 points and 10 boards.

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The night marked Houston's first victory in Toronto in nine games.

Dwight Howard had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Houston (31-32) before fouling out with 2:08 to play.

DeRozan had an uncharacteristically quiet night. He didn't attempt a shot until nine-and-a-half minutes into the game, and didn't make a shot until about three minutes before halftime.

The Raptors led by double digits for much of the night, but saw an 18-point first-half lead all but disappear by midway through the fourth quarter. Back-to-back three-pointers from Trevor Ariza gave the Rockets their first lead since the first quarter with 4:43 to play.

Harden, the league's No. 2 scorer, drained a three — and shot a sinister look at the Raptors' bench — to put the Rockets up by two, then made two free throws on the next trip down the floor to put Houston up by four points with 1:18 to play.

Little went Toronto's way down the stretch, as DeRozan was called for a flagrant foul for plowing through Patrick Beverley with a minute to play. Beverley's free throw put the Rockets up by five, then Clint Capela made it a seven-point lead, and it was game over for the Raptors, much to the dismay of the capacity crowd of 19,800 fans, who headed for the exits.

The Raptors host the Brooklyn Nets on Tuesday.

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Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan shoots against Rockets James Harden, left, and Corey Brewer at Air Canada Centre on Sunday.

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NBA

Champs look like chumps vs. Lakers

Jordan Clarkson scored 25 points, D'Angelo Russell added 21 and the Los Angeles Lakers stunned the Golden State Warriors 112-95 on Sunday, handing the defending NBA champions just their sixth loss of the season, all on the road.

Kobe Bryant added 12 points in helping the Lakers earn one of the biggest upsets in NBA history and their biggest victory in a downtrodden farewell season for Bryant, who spent the fourth quarter on the bench resting his aching right shoulder.

Stephen Curry led the Warriors with 18 points on a day when they were awful offensively. Klay Thompson added 15 points, but the Splash Brothers were a combined 1-for-18 from three-point range. In all, the Warriors missed 26 of 30 attempts from long range.

Golden State fell to 55-6 and the Lakers improved to 13-51.

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RARE LOSS

The loss snapped Golden State's seven-game winning streak.

IN BRIEF

Astros blast Blue Jays

Jon Singleton homered, doubled and drove in three runs, Colby Rasmus homered and a Houston Astros split squad beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-1 on Sunday.

Toronto starting pitcher Marcus Stroman struck out four in three innings, giving up only Rasmus's homer in his second start of spring training.

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Marlies lose on late goal

Darren Archibald scored the winner at 18:57 of the third period as the Utica Comets edged the Toronto Marlies 5-4 on Sunday afternoon in American Hockey League action.

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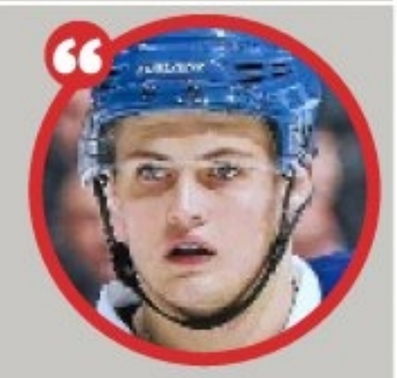

I got a lot of time there so it was nice.

William Nylander, who scored his first NHL point with a goal over the blocker of Ottawa goalie Andrew Hammond in the Leafs' 3-2 loss to the Senators on Saturday night.

TFC clicks into gear late

MLS SEASON OPENER

For once, the bounces go Toronto's way at Red Bulls Arena

Toronto FC flipped the script on the New York Red Bulls in its season opener on Sunday, securing an unexpected 2-0 win over last year's Supporters' Shield winner.

The visitors, who had the league's worst defensive record last season, spent much of the game absorbing pressure from Major League Soccer's best attacking side. But Toronto stayed organized thanks to instructions from vocal centre back Drew Moor, who barked orders at his teammates from the first whistle.

And with help of captain Michael Bradley, who sat deep in midfield protecting Moor and fellow centre back Damien Perquis, the Reds no longer looked like the hapless defensive team that conceded 58 goals last year.

"They had the better of the play, probably, but I never felt uncomfortable, I never felt pinned in," Moor said.

Marky Delgado made it 2-0 in the 91st minute on Sunday. ADAM HUNGERCAPS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Keeping a clean sheet allowed TFC to impose its road game plan: Defend tightly, counter-attack when possible and make chances count. Sebastian Giovinco and Marky Delgado scored in the closing 12 minutes to complete that trifecta.

SUNDAY in Harrison, N.J.

TFC	RED BULLS
2	0

"For us to come in and win that way, really on the strength of our defending, was great for the group," coach Greg Vanney said.

Toronto, which only managed five clean sheets last season, split possession with New York in the first 20 minutes but never really came close on net. New York began to control the game, creating clear-cut chances up front.

The home side couldn't convert before halftime, but it was as much about New York's poor finishing as it was Toronto's defending.

An astute substitution by Greg Vanney in the 69th minute, bringing Delgado on for Daniel Lovitz on the right-wing turned the tide in Toronto's favour.

New York's defence began struggling to contain debut Japanese forward Tsubasa Endoh and Delgado's speed while trying to keep one eye on MLS's reigning most valuable player.

A previously quiet Giovinco sprung to life in the 82nd minute, beating a New York defender on the left wing before crossing to Endoh in the box.

Defender Kemar Lawrence, dragged Endoh down for a clear penalty.

The Italian stepped up and put the ball in the back of the net. Less than 10 minutes later, he set up Delgado to seal it.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

LFC thrive, United nose dive with 10

Playing with 10 men proved to be no problem for Liverpool on Sunday.

The same cannot be said of Manchester United.

Liverpool responded to James Milner's sending-off in the 62nd minute against Crystal Palace by coming from 1-0 down to win 2-1 as Christian Benteke's penalty clinched victory in the sixth minute of injury time.

However, United was made to pay for a 26th-minute red to Juan Mata — also for two bookings — as hosts West Bromwich won 1-0 thanks to Salomon Rondon's strike. United dropped three points behind Manchester City in the race for Champions League qualification and is now only three ahead of Liverpool, which has won three straight league games for the first time in a year.

Jurgen Klopp GETTY IMAGES

"It's a big blow," United manager Louis van Gaal said. "This kind of match you need to win."

Liverpool played its best football down to 10 men at Selhurst Park, where the team hadn't won since 1997, although it needed two errors by Palace players to bring about the comeback.

"I can't believe how it feels, really good," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said. "A big moment for us." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIVISION TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Leicester	29	17-9-3	60
Tottenham	29	15-10-4	55
Arsenal	29	15-7-7	52
Man. City	28	15-5-8	50
West Ham	29	13-10-6	49
Man. United	29	13-8-8	47
Liverpool	28	12-8-8	44
Stoke City	29	12-7-10	43
S'hampton	29	11-8-10	41
Chelsea	29	10-10-9	40
West Brom	29	10-9-10	39
Everton	28	9-11-8	38
Watford	29	10-7-12	37
B'mouth	29	9-8-12	35
Crys. Palace	29	9-6-14	33
Swansea	29	8-9-12	33
Sunderland	29	6-7-16	25
Norwich	29	6-6-17	24
Newcastle	28	6-6-16	24
Aston Villa	29	3-7-19	16

Champions League
Europa League
Relegation

UFC 196

McGregor, Holm latest to be upset

Moments after Nate Diaz choked out Conor McGregor and punched a big hole in the UFC's plans, Diaz took the microphone and triumphantly, profanely declared his victory was "no surprise!"

Maybe not to Diaz. The rest of the sport is still reeling from a revolutionary Saturday night at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

The pandemonium caused by Miesha Tate and Diaz had barely subsided when everyone else began pondering the future created by their back-to-back upset victories at UFC 196.

Tate and Diaz scrapped some tentative plans for the promotion's landmark UFC 200 show in July. Yet they also created many tantalizing new possibilities in a sport that isn't afraid of a little chaos.

After his stunning dismissal of the touted McGregor, Diaz (20-10) likely could have virtually any fight he wants in two weight classes, perhaps including a title shot at either lightweight or welterweight.

For Tate (18-5), her first bantamweight title defence is likely to be a third bout this fall with Ronda Rousey, according to UFC president Dana White. That discounts the possibility of an immediate rematch with Holly Holm, who got choked out with 90 seconds left in their thriller. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Impact open strong in B.C.
The Montreal Impact showed they're more than a one-man band on Sunday.

Ignacio Piatti scored twice, Dominic Oduro added one of his own and Evan Bush made a number of key saves as the Impact defeated the Whitecaps 3-2 in the MLS season opener for both clubs in Vancouver.

Montreal was without striker Didier Drogba because of what artificial turf does to his 37-year-old knees, but the Chelsea legend was hardly missed against the bumbling Whitecaps.

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Peyton calling it a career
Peyton Manning surveyed the landscape of his brilliant career and called one last audible. He's retiring a champion.

A month after Denver's triumph in Super Bowl 50, Manning informed John Elway he is following his lead and riding off into that orange sunset just like the Broncos' boss did 17 years ago after winning his second Super Bowl.

Just shy of 40, Manning will forgo $19 million and a 19th season in the NFL.

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Hot Scott wins at Doral
Adam Scott faced a daunting challenge, a six-shot deficit with 13 holes remaining on a course that was playing tougher than it had at any point in the week.

And after overcoming that, he needed to survive two brushes with big trouble on the final hole to finish the job.

Scott won for the second straight week, shooting a final-round 69 to win the Cadillac Championship by one shot over Bubba Watson. It's the second win for Scott in a World Golf Championships event, his 13th career win on the PGA Tour and he now hasn't finished lower than second in any of his last three starts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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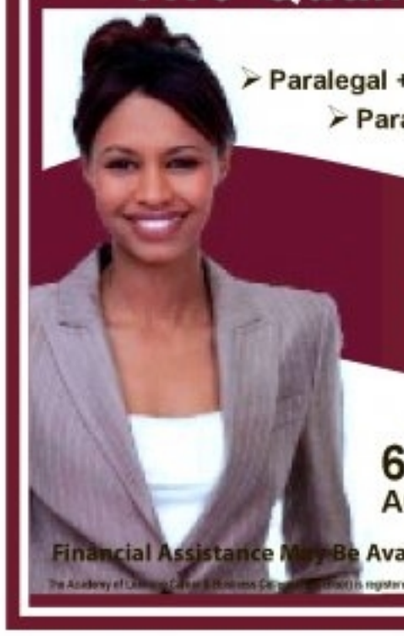
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Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 70 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, cored, seeded and chopped
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 2 Tbsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 28-oz can diced tomatoes
- 4 cups water
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 1 can chickpeas, drained and rinsed (16 oz)
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed (16 oz)

Garnish: Grated cheddar, sour cream, chopped cilantro

Directions

1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, carrot, celery and pepper and cook for 10 minutes, or until vegetables are softened, not browned.

2. Add oregano, cumin, chili powder, cinnamon and salt and stir to blend.

3. Add tomatoes and 4 cups of water. Stir in barley. Gently simmer over low heat, uncovered, for 45 minutes.

4. Add chickpeas and black beans. Allow to simmer for another 10 minutes.

5. Serve with grated cheddar, sour cream and fresh, chopped cilantro.

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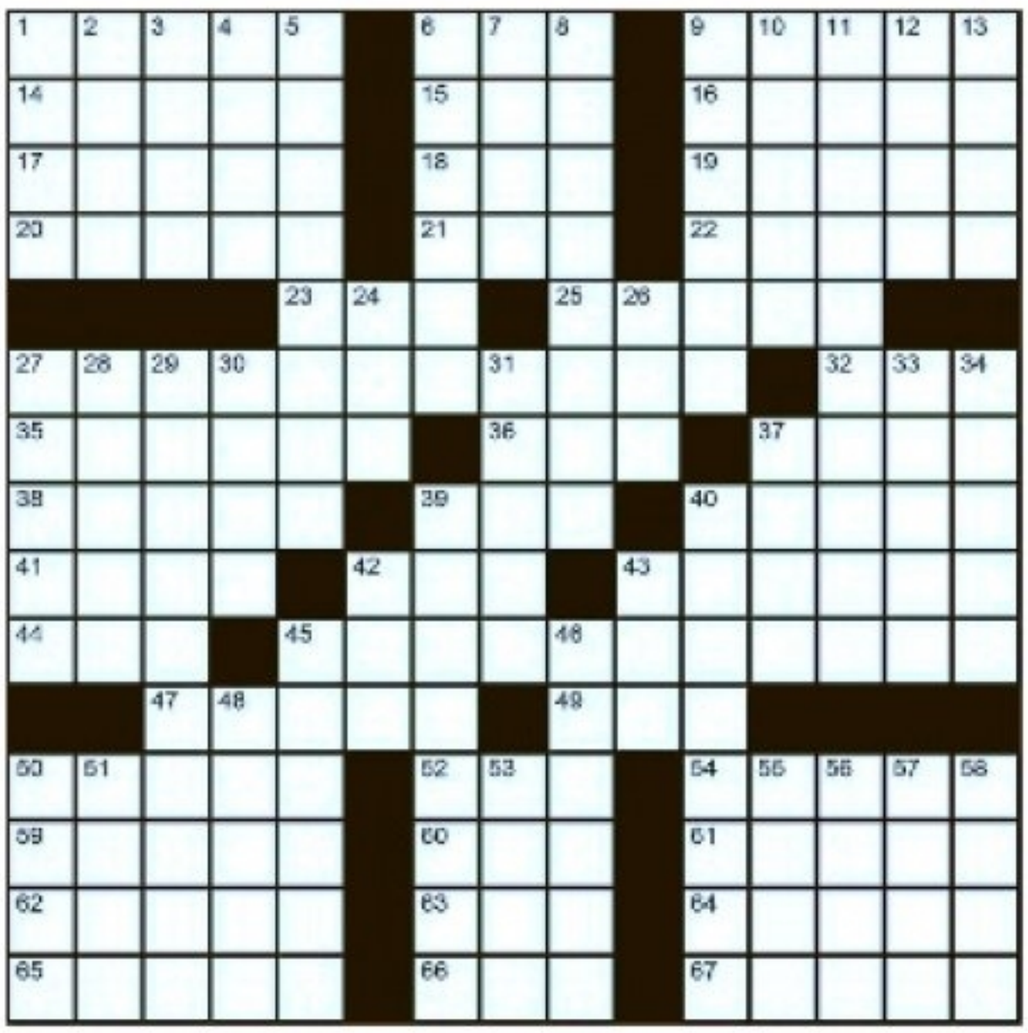
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Some bananas
6. Friend
9. Prepare, with a skillet: 2 wds.
14. It could be stuffed
15. _ _ roll
16. Christopher of "Somewhere in Time" (1980)
17. Armada
18. AC/DC song
19. Scarlett O'Hara's mother
20. Flora and _
21. Luau dish
22. Paul Bettany's role in "The Da Vinci Code" (2006)
23. Pressure meas.
25. So much, in music
27. Canadian Army's polar bear mascot who lives at the Toronto Zoo: 2 wds.
32. Post-WWII female mil. aviators group
35. Restaurant
36. Insert
37. _ do (This will suffice)
38. Shows shower: 2 wds.
39. Grand-_, Nova Scotia
40. La _ (Milan opera house)
41. Back
42. Billy _ Williams
43. Highest points
44. Chicago's state [abbr.]
45. Place to play hockey on a winter's day: 2 wds.
47. Leader
49. Cheese from Quebec
50. River of Paris
52. Stealth bird
54. Icky-sounding plant
59. Molten rock
60. Corporate exec.
61. Sing like Michael Buble
62. Movie theatre attendant
63. Canadian hockey legend Mr. Dryden
64. Shoelace tip
65. Estelle of "The Golden Girls"
66. Film studio, DreamWorks ___
67. Wants

DOWN
1. Politely tip one's hat
2. Earthen stewing pot
3. Stead
4. Level
5. Select/single out: 2 wds.
6. Deep-dish meal
7. _ Domini
8. Freedom from constraint
9. San Joaquin Valley city in California
10. Illuminated the candle again
11. 'Big' transport in a Joni Mitchell hit: 2 wds.
12. Eye part
13. Writes
24. Swine dwelling
26. Furthermore...
27. Agar-holding dish
28. Disentangle
29. "Nighttime/Anytime (_ _)" by Canadian band Constantines
30. Sharply turn
31. Canadian actor Mr. Keeso
33. Tim of "Home Improvement"
34. Prohibition Era bottle
37. Froster
39. 1970s fads: 2 wds.
40. Graffiti artist's tool: 2 wds.
42. Scheduled
43. Perfect
45. Headline-making Mrs. in 1871 Chicago history
46. Tea type
48. Not fulfilled, as expectations
50. Conceited
51. Slacken
53. Month segment
55. Advocate
56. Mr. Porter
57. Type of student
58. Sidewalk 'hill' creators

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Keep your eyes peeled and you'll spot an opportunity to make a name for yourself. Don't worry if you look pushy, worry only that you might miss your shot if you hesitate.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be precise in what you are trying to say. If you are vague with your words no one will know what it is you are trying to communicate and nothing will get done. Be blunt.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Something will get under your skin today. It may be something interesting, it may even be something important, but don't shout and scream about it. This is something for you alone to investigate and make use of.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You're in an adventurous mood and will want to explore further afield than usual. Just be careful you don't stray into areas where you do not know your way around. And always be aware of the quickest route out!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be your usual energetic self but don't expect others to be as motivated as you. Not everyone shares your passion and this could be one of those days when it is better to do things yourself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Whatever you turn your hand to today it will work out better than you expected, even if it is the kind of thing you have never done before.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is a danger today that you will try to prove yourself by doing too much. Libra is a cardinal sign, which means you like to take the lead, but make sure you know where you are going before you set out.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can be too hard on yourself, especially when you fail to live up to the impossibly high standards you try to live by. You must be more forgiving today. You're only human.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone will get a tongue-lashing today, and no doubt they deserve it, but later you may wish you had not been quite so scathing. Let them know you don't hold a grudge.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
For quite some time now someone has been trying to let you know that they see you as more than just a friend or colleague. But do you feel the same way about them? You will have to decide and let them know.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The best, and maybe only, way to get results is to transform your current situation. Drastic changes will be made but, having made them, your life will be better — not the same.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Nothing is impossible for you now. You can move mountains if you so choose. A more productive aim might be to bring together people in pursuit of a common aim.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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